

--- “Series of 1881” – CANADA CUSTOMS - *BOXES* - Montreal Division (**M-56**) - 60 x 111 mm. ---

--- RM-242n - lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh thick wove - imperforate ---

--- *without* control numbers - scanned at 75% scale ---

--- with a 28 mm. “British American Bank Note Co. Montreal” imprint ---

Chris Ryan, “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 39, May 2002

“The CADDY excise stamp was redesigned in 1871, with the first delivery by BABN occurring at the end of July. ... New BOXES stamps were added later in red (pre-October 1873) and in black (post-October 1873). Initially and predominantly, these new upright rectangular stamps were printed from steel plates, with some later production by lithographic transfers. In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubber stamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used.”

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

John McKay records that 88,000 *lithographed* “Blue Boxes” were delivered. It seems that most of these were in Division Open (**A-56**) format. It is doubtful that many Montreal Division (**M-56**) were prepared.

The catalogue lists this 1881 Montreal Division blue CANADA CUSTOMS - *BOXES* stamp as follows:

RM-242n - CUSTOMS, blue, *imperforate*, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove - 5 mm. controls



★**RM-242n** - CUSTOMS BOXES, blue, imperforate, Montreal Division (**M-56**),
lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh thick wove, inscribed *J.L. Vincent* / *COLLECTOR I.R.*

The collection *does not contain* a control-numbered copy of the blue Montreal BOXES stamp. The Brandom ‘Supplement’ lists an *imperforate* Montreal BOXES stamp.

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